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SUBJECT: BURNHAM VISIT TO CUBA CAPPED BY ANTI-U.S. JOINT
COMMUNIQUE

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1. ON APRIL 12, PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM RETURNED FROM A
FOUR-DAY STATE VISIT TO CUBA DESPITE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN GOVT-
OWNED LOCAL PRESS, TRIP AROUSED LITTLE EXCITEMENT HERE AND LEFT
SOME OBSERVERS WONDERING WHY PM CHOSE TO MAKE TRIP WHILE SERIOUS
LABOR DISPUTE GRIPPED SUGAR INDUSTRY.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE BY BURNHAM AND CASTRO (REFTEL) STRESSES
FAMILIAR THIRD WORLD THEMES COINED IN ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC RHETORIC.
COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PERU'S DEFENSE OF ITS NATURAL
RESOURCES, FOR VENEZUELA'S NATIONALIZATION OF OIL AND IRON
INDUSTRIES, FOR PANAMA'S REGAINING OF CANAL AND FOR CREATI
OF
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ON SOUTHEAST AND PRG TO CAUSE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND BACKS PRG

SIX POINT DECLARATION WHILE, IN CONTRAST, US AND SAIGON (ONLY)
ARE CALLED ON TO RESPECT PARIS AGREEMENT. U.S. IS CONDEMNED FOR
QUOTE AGRESSION UNQUOTE AGAINST PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA. AMIDST OTHER
COMMENTS ON WORLD AFFAIRS, COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS PREEICTABLE SUPPORT
FOR ARABS AND CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL. IT ALSO LABELS U.S. TRADE
ACT AS QUOTE AGRESSION UNQUOTE.

3. OTHER RESULTS OF VISIT REPORTEDLY INCLUDE CUBAN AGREEMENT
TO PURCHASE SMALL AMOUNT OF GUYANESE RICE (10,000 TONS) WHICH WAS
HEADLINED AS "MASSIVE TRADE DEAL". LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTED
GUYANA AND CUBA TO EXCHANGE RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

4. COMMENT EMBASSY HOPES TO GAIN MORE REALISTIC AND LESS PRO-
PGANDA-FILLED VIEW OF BURN AM VISIT AS WE TALK DURING NEXT FEW
DAYS WITH THOSE WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON TRIP.
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